

EDUCATION FAMILY LIFE (EFL)

EFL 515. Family Life Research Methods. (3 Credits)

This course examines the research tools available to design, implement and evaluate the formal study of the educational process in order to conduct research. The course includes the study of descriptive and experimental research methods, basic statistical methods as well as techniques of literature review and report writing, that is, the reporting of research. Students completing this course should have a draft of the first three chapters for either a thesis or graduate seminar project.

EFL 526. American Family Today. (3 Credits)

This course presents both an historical and current view of the family. The course explores both internal and external issues facing the family as well as a global view of families.

EFL 530. Marriage & Family Relations. (3 Credits)

This course provides students with an understanding of marriages and families within the ecological contexts in which they exist. Students connect their own experiences with biblical studies and current secular trends to formulate new perspectives. They apply their insights to the enrichment of marriages and families in their own personal and professional contexts.

EFL 540. Human Sexuality. (3 Credits)

This course provides Biblical and scientific understanding of the historical, biological, psychological, relational, and social/cultural influences on human sexuality and its expression. Information about human sexuality across the lifespan is included. This course provides information about sexual identity, orientation, the biological and psychological causes of sexual dysfunction and their treatments, methods of contraception, the prevention and treatment of sexually transmitted infections, sexual coercion, and the impact of pornography.

EFL 550. Family Law and Public Policy. (3 Credits)

This course addresses the influence of the family on the law and the impact of the law on families. It focuses on policy construction and change in family centered organizations and the legal system. Development and application of policy relating to marriage, divorce, family support, child custody, child protection and rights, and family planning will be examined.

EFL 560. Curriculum and Methods in Family Life Education. (3 Credits)

This course provides the student with the basic curricular framework for the development of parent, family and societal programming.

EFL 569. Contemporary Issues of Family and Parenting. (3 Credits)

Recognizing that the composition of the family today varies greatly and that the challenges faced are complex, this course will examine various parenting philosophies from the eyes of God's Word, noting their strengths and weaknesses. Students will explore parenting practices and processes, various parenting solutions, and changes in the dynamics of the parent/child relationship from a systems approach and across the lifespan. Emphasis will be placed on practical strategies to increase versatility to meet the diverse challenges faced by children and families today.

EFL 580. Family Resource Management. (3 Credits)

This course provides students with an understanding of the decision-making process of families concerning the utilization of financial, personal, environmental, and social resources. In particular, this class focuses on how families develop, exchange, and allocate resources throughout the lifespan with the expectation that the most effective resource-management decisions are made from positions of knowledge and understanding.

EFL 595. Capstone - Family Life Practicum. (3 Credits)

This course provides an opportunity for the Family Life student to complete issues related to the practicum, CFLE certification, and other issues related to the field. The seminar focuses on student papers, projects and reports related his or her professional development through the practicum. This course should be taken at the end of the Family Life program requirements.